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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make the following documents of record in the above-identified application:

U.S. Patents

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,040,428, issued 08/20/91 to Miyaoka et al.
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 3,575,060, issued 04/13/71 to Warren

Foreign Patents

- (3) European Patent Application No. 0 631 068 A1, by IMO-INDUSTRIE-MOMENTENLAGER STOLL & RUSS GmbH, published 12/28/94
- (4) PCT International Publication No. WO 99/24730, by IMO-INDUSTRIE-ANTRIEBSEINHEIT STOLL & RUSS GmbH, published 05/20/99
- (5) German Patent Application No. DE 2 345 004, by Durand, published 03/14/74
- (6) German Patent Application No. DE 34 46 438 A1, by A. Friedr. Flender GmbH & Co KG, published 06/26/86

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Copies of these documents, which are listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 (one page), are enclosed herewith. Applicants respectfully request that these documents be fully considered by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application and printed on any patent which may issue on this application. Applicants also respectfully request that a copy of Form PTO-1449 (one page), as considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned to the undersigned with the next communication.

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It is believed that this disclosure complies with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. If for any reason the Examiner considers otherwise, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be contacted by the Examiner by telephone in order that any deficiencies may be expeditiously remedied.

The enclosed documents may have markings thereon. Applicants are not presently aware of the source of those markings, and no significance is meant to be attached thereto.

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